

<b>Notice of Abandonment</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/056,019	TUOMANEN ET AL.
	Examiner Marianne Allen	Art Unit 1631

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

This application is abandoned in view of:

1.  Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 24 May 2000.
  - (a)  A reply was received on 27 December 2000 (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated 24 August 2000), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of 3 month(s)) which expired on 24 November 2000.
  - (b)  A proposed reply was received on       , but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection.
   
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
  - (c)  No reply has been received.
2.  Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
  - (a)  The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on        (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated       ), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance.
  - (b)  The submitted fee of \$        is insufficient. A balance of \$        is due.
   
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$       . The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$       .
  - (c)  The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3.  Applicant's failure to timely file new formal drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
  - (a)  Proposed new formal drawings were received on        (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated       ), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
  - (b)  The proposed new formal drawings filed on        are not acceptable and the period for reply has expired.
  - (c)  No proposed new formal drawings have been received.
4.  The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5.  The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6.  The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on        and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7.  The reason(s) below:

Certificate of Mailing date and the date it was received in the US Patent Office show more than a four month difference. When attorney was contacted to verify certificate of mailing, he could not account abandonment was issued.

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